Jars of Change
Lent Appeal 2018

Urusa's Story

Use the story alongside the Jars of Change Sunday School resources to bring WaterAid's work to life.

Urusa is also 12–years-old and lives in Pakistan just like Ruqqa who you learnt about in the last session. She also loves to play with her friends, particularly cricket, and also loves watching it on the TV with her family.

The big difference between Ruqqa and Urusa though, is that Urusa is able to go to school.

She is able to attend school because WaterAid recently installed taps and toilets there. Urusa is thrilled because it means she is able continue studying and learning, which she loves. She knows that to get the job she dreams of she will have to do well at school and then go to university. Urusa dreams of being a scientist. She says, "I want to become a scientist and then invent something that would help people". It is also her family's wish that she continues her studies and achieves her ambitions.

Urusa has learnt that there is a link between having access to clean water and decent toilets and being healthy. She knows that washing her hands and drinking clean water will help her stay healthy and allow her to attend school and keep up with learning.

Before WaterAid installed toilets and water in her school the pupils would have to travel all the way home to go to the toilet.

> Can your group remember what they discussed about Pakistan last time? Can they point it out on a map again?

It would take some children a really long time and they would miss their lessons. The water at the school used to make pupils ill because it wasn't always safe to drink meaning children would miss even more lessons. Now things have changed and everyone at the school is pleased to have somewhere decent to go to the toilet and clean water to drink.

It is brilliant that Urusa now has a chance of achieving her dream of becoming a scientist and is looking forward to a happier, healthier future.

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